


THE FACTS ABOUT VACCINE SAFETY



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1. FLAWED STUDIES

Vaccine manufacturers conduct their own vaccine safety studies, and they are flawed. **Not one vaccine clinical trial has ever used a true inert-placebo control group.** Instead, studies have used 1) no control group, 2) control groups receiving other vaccines (themselves approved without placebo), or 3) control groups receiving a vaccine ingredient (such as aluminum) as "placebo."

2. SHORT SAFETY REVIEW PERIODS

Vaccines are classified as biologics. As such, the safety review periods are allowed much shorter duration than safety review periods for traditional pharmaceutical drugs - sometimes as little as days or weeks compared to years for traditional drugs. For example, the safety review period for the two Hepatitis B vaccines on the market are: 4 days for Engerix-B & 5 days for Recombivax HB.



3. NO MANUFACTURER LIABILITY

In the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA), Congress gave economic immunity to pharmaceutical companies for injuries/deaths caused by vaccines. It removed liability from vaccine manufacturers due to high injury claims. The law states, "No vaccine administrator or manufacturer may be made a party to a civil action... for damages for a vaccine-related injury or death associated with the administration of a vaccine after October 1, 1988." -42 U.S.C. §§300aa-11

4. FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT

The 1986 Act left manufacturers with no incentive for creating safe vaccines. Attempting to monitor safety, the Act mandated the Dept. of Health & Human Services to study vaccine safety & provide biennial reports to Congress (Mandate for Safer Childhood Vaccines). HHS has **not filed a single report in over 30 years** (ICAN v. HHS).

5. VACCINE INJURY PAYOUTS

Over \$5.2 billion has been paid out since 1986 for vaccine injuries and death through the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (NVICP). A three-year Harvard Medical School review of VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System) estimates less than 1% of adverse events are even reported, so the \$5.2 billion payout likely represents an extremely small number of vaccine injuries/death.

